

self-destructs at the end of one year, about the same amount of money. He's attempting to do, in one year, what the bill originally would have tried to do in three years. I agree with Senator Mills. I think if we raise the tax on this can of pop one cent it's going to get passed on to the consumer, there is no question about it. The distributor is not going to eat that one cent tax. Now because so much of this product is vended through machines, he can't raise that price from 30 to 31 cents, or from 25 to 26 cents. He's got to raise it a nickel. That nickel, that four cents is profit. There is nothing wrong with profit, that is not a dirty word either. But to get three cents out, and get out on the table, and self-destruct at the end of one year, give the retailer a penny, give the distributor a penny, everything is above board and clean and that is the way to do it. I would strongly urge you to support Senator Mills on this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills, would you close debate on this matter.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Simon isn't here, but if he thinks it's pure conjecture, he certainly hasn't been around the meat industry and watched those beefs come in and be lowered and raised, and that price of beef, in the grocery store, being effected when there is certainly a small increase. I think it is a true and real fact, and can be proved that these taxes are certainly passed on to the consumer. That is what is going to happen here. I think we ought to face it because we're going to go home in June, we pass this bill, and you're going to have to talk to your constituents when the price of this can of pop goes up a nickel, that is all there is to it. The bill does destruct, as Senator Dworak said. It will be passed on. We have seen the price of sugar lowered, lowered, lowered, lowered, but it has not effected the price of pop. It's been lowered from the producer, he's out there trying, struggling to make a living. I know many of those in Western Nebraska that grow sugar beets are concerned with even having industry left. But the price of pop, of course, has been not going down. But to take it upon yourself to think that that retailer or wholesaler is going to absorb that penny is crazy. They will not absorb it. That price of pop is going to go up. I think you ought to be ready to accept that fact, whether you adopt this amendment or the penny on these 12 ounce cans.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator Jack Mills amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Please vote. Would you all vote please. Record. Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. Chairman, I request a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the House go under Call. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 10 nays.

PRESIDENT: The House is under Call. All Senators return to your desks and report your presence please. Would the Sergeant at Arms secure the attendance of the committee members of the Appropriations Committee. Please record your presence. Here is Senator Clark. Thank you for returning, Senator Clark. We appreciate your attendance. Have you.... Is this the Orval Keyes.... Senator Keyes, what does that mean when Senator Mills